

INTERIM REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTHFOR THE YEAR 1944.Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in Acres - 7,508.

Population (Census 1931) - 7,957 Registrar-General's estimate of population.

(middle 1944) - 8,598.

Number of inhabited houses (Census 1931) - 1,955.

Number of inhabited houses end of year 1944, according to Rate Book - 2,389.

Rateable Value £80,186.0.0. Sum represented by a penny rate, £332.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.HOSPITALS.

Smallpox and Other Infectious Diseases. - There is no Infectious Diseases Hospital in the district. Under the Local Government Act, 1929, Section 63 The Council have entered into a joint agreement between the Urban District Councils of Formby and Litherland on the one part and the Borough of Bootle on the other part. This agreement provides for the reservation of sixteen beds for infectious diseases other than smallpox at the Isolation Hospital, Linacre Lane, Bootle. In the case of smallpox the agreement provides for the reservation of one bed for each ten thousand of the population with a minimum of five beds at the Liverpool Corporation Smallpox Hospital, Sparrow Hall, Fazackerley. In both cases additional beds are to be provided subject to the necessary accommodation being available.

Details of charges under the agreement with Bootle Corporation for all Notifiable Diseases other than smallpox and for smallpox, are as follows:-

Retaining Fee (Smallpox) £2 per thousand of the population with a minimum of £10. Fee paid for the year 1944, £16.0.0.

Maintenance in Hospital (Smallpox) £4.4.0. per week plus cost of conveyance at the rate of 2/6d per mile calculated according to the distance travelled after the ambulance leaves the Liverpool Corporation Depot until its return thereto.

Retaining Fee (Other Infectious Diseases) £90 per annum based upon the capital cost of Bootle Hospital less the capital cost of the Tuberculosis section.

Maintenance in Hospital is £2.2.0. per week, plus cost of conveyance as given below.

Removal of patients any week day except Saturday, between the hours of 7 a.m., and 3 p.m., and on Saturday between the hours of 7 a.m., and 11 a.m. - £1.5.0. per journey.

Removal of patients at any time other than stated above - £1.17.6. per journey.

Tuberculosis - Administered by the County Council. Tuberculosis Dispensary, Ellesmere, Crosby Road North, Waterloo.

Maternity - There is no Maternity Hospital in the district, but the Liverpool Hospitals are available.

Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) For infectious cases, Bootle Corporation Motor Ambulance.
- (b) For non-infectious cases - provided by Hospital or the Local Authority
- For accidents and sudden illness on the street - provided by the Local Authority.

The ambulance services for all purposes, infectious and non - infectious cases, also accidents, are very satisfactory.

Professional Nursing in the Home - The Local Authority has not provided any Home Nursing. There are two District Nurses who work under the District Nursing Association. They are not subsidised by the Local Authority.

The District Nurses' address is - 23, Halsall Lane, Formby.

Midwives - The number of midwives practising in the district and on the County Register, 31/12/43, is four.

Public Assistance Institutions - There are no Public Assistance Institutions situated in the District. The District of Formby is in the area provided for by the Lancashire County Council Public Assistance Institution and Infirmary, Ormskirk.

Nursing Homes - There are two Nursing Homes in the District registered under the Public Health Act, 1936:-

Ivy Bank Nursing Home, Elson Road, Formby.
Lynwood, Church Road, Formby.

After the outbreak of War the above provisions had in some instances to be changed.

For a short period all notifiable infectious cases were removed to the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Ormskirk. Later arrangements were made by the Bootle Corporation with whom the Council were under contract for cases to be received into the Liverpool Hospitals. Maintenance charges £3.3.0. per week plus cost of removal at the rate of 2/6d per mile were charged.

Due to the curtailment of hospital accommodation no diphtheria suspects were removed to hospital, only those cases where swabs had proved positive.

Scarlet Fever cases were, if possible, nursed in the home. These arrangements did not apply to evacuees. Evacuees were, in every instance, removed to hospital.

To deal with minor infectious cases among evacuees, a house known as Cairnie House, Victoria Road, Formby, was taken over and equipped for this purpose.

Below I give the number of cases notified:-

		<u>Removed to Hospital</u>
Scarlet Fever	20	8
Diphtheria	5	3
Measles	26	-
Whooping Cough	16	-
Pneumonia	9	-
Erysipelas	4	-
Dysentery	1	1
Malaria contracted abroad	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>91</u>	<u>22</u>

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1944.

	<u>New Cases</u>			<u>Deaths</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary	2	3	5	1	1	2
Non-Pulmonary	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	-	-	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

The number of cases notified during the year including measles and whooping cough was slightly lower than the previous year and was quite normal.

Two of the diphtheria, one scarlet fever, one pneumonia, one dysentery and ten malaria cases were members of H.M.Forces.

Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases.

During the year 72 houses and 2 schools were disinfected. All articles (bedding, clothing, etc.) exposed to infection are disinfected at the Council's Disinfecting Station.

No. of articles treated - 879

No. of articles destroyed at request of owners - 11

Disinfection on charge - Houses 7, Bedding, Clothing, etc. -
No. of articles - 116.

Articles destroyed - 4.

Disinfection carried out for Cairnie House Minor Infectious Diseases Hosp-ital:- Rooms 4.

Disinfection for A.R.P. - Blankets etc. No. - 22.

Disinfection after evacuees - Rooms 2, Bedding, etc. No. of Articles - 14.

Immunization.

All new residents at St.Peter's College and St.George's Industrial School are immunized against diphtheria.

The Council have now in operation an Immunization Scheme for diphtheria.

	<u>Number Immunized.</u>		
	<u>Pre-School Children</u>	<u>School Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Diphtheria	167	90	257

Pathological and Bacteriological Examinations.

Diphtheria - 12

Water - 1.

Diphtheria Antitoxin - A supply is maintained at the Local Chemists. The supply is satisfactory and prompt use has been made in all cases.

Disinfestation

Two houses disinfested - Method employed, Cimex Fumigation.

Water Supply.

The source of supply is the Southport and District Water Board. The supply is very satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity.

Bacteriological Examination - 2, Results - Excellent.

Chemical Analyses - 2, Results - Excellent.

Drainage, Scwage and Closet Accommodation.

4 cesspools abolished and drains connected to public sewer.

Privy middens - 25. No. of closets attached to these middens - 25.

No. of moveable ashbins - 2,456. No. of houses on water carriage system - 2293.

No. of fresh water closets - 2,507.

Conversions.

Privy closets to pails - 1. Pails to fresh W.Cs. - 4.

Moveable ashbins substituted for fixed receptacles - 4.

Sanitary Inspections.

No. of premises visited - 257.

Defects or nuisances:- No. discovered, 37. No. abated, 34.

No. of Notices served - Informal 37, Statutory 4.

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Shops and Offices.

Periodical inspection - action taken in one instance for the cleansing of sanitary fittings.

Camping Sites.

No camps allowed during the War.

Housing

15 houses were inspected under the Public Health or Housing Acts. Notices served - Informal 10, Formal 1. Repairs effected in each case.

Overcrowding.

Due to the War there has been slight overcrowding. Steps have been taken to relieve the position.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Cowsheds & Dairies. - All cowsheds, etc., were visited regularly and the conditions are fairly good. No. of inspections - 53.

No. of samples submitted for Biological Test for Tuberculosis - 11.

Result - Positive, Nil. Negative, 11.

No. of samples submitted for Bacteriological Examination - 10.

Result - Satisfactory, 7. Unsatisfactory, 3.

Sediment Tests - Satisfactory, 14. Unsatisfactory, 3.

Meat. - All shops, etc. have been inspected regularly. 52 lbs. liver, 12 lbs. sausage, 6 lbs. blackpuddings, 135 lbs. bacon, 14 tins 38 lbs. tinned meats, 20 boxes 644 lbs. kippers, 2 tins herrings, 54 tins x 14 oz. evaporated milk, 88 lbs. jam, 1 tin orange juice, 6 tins baked beans, 12 cwts. partridge oats, 12 stone wet fish and 14 doz. eggs. condemned.

Diseases of Animals Acts.

The following particulars have been forwarded by the County Police:-
Proceedings were instituted in one case.

Factory Act, 1937.

Periodical inspections have been made in two instances. Notices were served. Total No. of Inspections - 17. Defects found - Want of cleanliness - 2. Defective sanitary fitting.

The Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919, and The Infestation Order, 1943 (S.R.O. No. 680).

Under the above Order an Operative was appointed. A general survey was carried out, a number of infestations were discovered and the necessary action taken. In the majority of cases the work of destruction was carried out by the Council's Operative with excellent results.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

Child Welfare - The Farnby Child Welfare Centre is administered by the County Council in conjunction with a Local Ladies' Committee. The premises are situated at 25, Chapel Lane, and a clinic is held every Wednesday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., for children under 5 years of age.

The Superintendent attends weekly and the Medical Officer Officer fortnightly.

An ante-natal clinic is held on alternate Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

During the year a number of additional clinics were held for evacuees.

Medical Officer - Dr. Elsie Catlow, Assistant County M.O.H.

Superintendent - Nurse Murray, Health Visitor and School Nurse for the District.

Consultant Obstetrician - Dr. Mackintosh Marshall.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Ladies' Committee - Mrs. Brander, Hesketh Lodge, Brows Lane, Formby.

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